

# Year 3 Spring Newsletter

Our Spring newsletter will give you an idea about what we will be covering in class this term and what your children will be learning.

## Numeracy

This term we will be investigating multiplication and division using various strategies including mental, informal and formal written methods. We will also be looking at working with fractions, as well as length and measure and working on perimeter. Later this term we will be learning about time and timetables.

As weekly homework, please continue to help your child to learn their times tables. Using Times Table Rock Stars is a big help for children, especially at the age of 7-9.

## Music

This half term we will be looking into Reggae and Bob Marley: playing, singing, improvising and composing in this style. Next half term we move on to folk music.

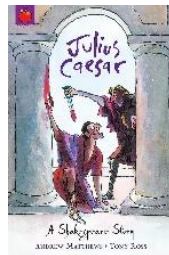
## RE

Our RE work will focus on the religion of Islam and in particular, how festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim.

## Literacy

We continue to have a great emphasis on spelling, grammar and punctuation. Your child will continue to be assessed on their ability to spell key words, which will be set as weekly spelling homework. We would greatly encourage you to help your child to learn them. They can be accessed via spelling shed.

This term we will be writing a recount, a character description of Julius Caesar, a retelling of the story of Romulus and Remus, a newspaper report about Julius Caesar and an information text. We are increasing our focus on poetry and will be looking at the Spike Milligan's Poem 'On the Ning, Nang, Nong.' We will also be trying our hand at writing our own limericks.



Reading is the backbone of everything we do in school. We encourage the children in Year 3 to read at least 4 times a week. Adults are encouraged to listen to children and talk about the books they have read. We ask for children's reading books to be returned to school daily, so progress can be tracked. If your child does not finish their reading book, please still send it in each day.

## History and Geography

We will be focusing on the period of time around the Romans, this will be both from a historical point of view and a geographical point of view when we look at Pompeii and volcanos.

## D&T

We will be designing and making a Roman bula purse. Utilising existing and developing further sewing skills.

## Art

In art we will look at the artist Michelangelo, developing skills in colour mixing, mosaics, still life sketching, weaving and painting.

## Science

During this term we will be studying two Science topics which are 'Plants' and 'Earth Rocks.'

## PE

This term in PE we will be learning about Dance and Volleyball. As in the previous term please send children in to school in their PE kits on a Tuesday.